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SUBJECT: WESTERN NEWSPAPERS APPEAR IN KIEV (AGAIN)

1. NEWSTANDS IN KIEV BEGAN LIMITED SALE OF WEST EUROPEAN,
CANADIAN, U.S., AND JAPANESE NEWSPAPERS ON FEBRUARY 1,
1978.

2. THE KIEV ADVANCE PARTY HAS CONFIRMED THAT SOME 32
WESTERN NEWSPAPERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT AT LEAST TWO
NEWSTANDS IN KIEV HOTELS IN 5-10 COPIES EACH. ISSUES
ARE A WEEK LATE AND COST PER COPY IS R .60 OR ABOUT ONE
DOLLAR.

3. NEWSPAPERS ON SALE INCLUDE: INTERNATIONAL HERALD
TRIBUNE, LE SOIR AND LES ECHO, PARIS; NEUE ZURICH ZEITUNG,
LONDON TIMES AND FINANCIAL TIMES, EL PAIS, MADRID; DIARIO
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VIENNA; INFORMATION, COPENHAGEN; HELSINKI SANOMAT; FRANK-
FURTER ALGEMEIN; GLOBE AND MAIL, TORONTO; IL MESSAGGERO,
ROME; ALGEMEEN DAGBLAT, ROTTERDAM.

4. COMMENT: A SMALLER GROUP OF WESTERN NEWSPAPERS
APPEARED BRIEFLY IN KIEV IN SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 1976, BUT
NEWSTAND PERSONNEL ASSERT THEY HAVE BEEN TOLD WESTERN

NEWSPAPERS WILL NOW BE REGULARLY AVAILABLE. HOWEVER, THE LIMITED NUMBERS OF COPIES AND THE RESTRICTED LOCATION IN INTOURIST HOTELS (FOR FOREIGN TOURISTS) SUGGEST THIS IS A SOVIET EFFORT IN INFORMATION "TOKENISM." ADVANCE PARTY BELIEVES THAT RECENT AND UNUSUAL TIGHTENING OF ACCESS BY LOCALS TO INTOURIST HOTELS MAY BE RELATED TO THE APPEARANCE OF WESTERN NEWSPAPERS. EVEN IF THE FEW COPIES FIND THEIR WAY INTO LOCAL HANDS, AS WE EXPECT THEY WILL, THE AUTHORITIES PROBABLY CONSIDER THE FEW COPIES HARMLESS, AND WE WOULD AGREE, GIVEN THE LARGE LISTENING AUDIENCE FOR WESTERN RADIO STATIONS IN KIEV. MATLOCK

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